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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 3/9/07.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,5-15 and 22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,5-15 and 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

1. The withdrawal from consideration of claims 1, 5-15, and 22 as being drawn to an invention distinct from the originally presented invention is withdrawn in view of the applicant's arguments.
2. Claims 1, 5-15, and 22 are pending.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1; 5, 6, 8-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Pat. No. 4663377 Hombach et al..

Hombach discloses a water dispersible isocyanate composition containing, as a preferred isocyanate, a mixture of isocyanurate of HDI and IPDI (column 2, lines 13-44, particularly 37-44) a portion of which is reacted with a compound falling within the scope of the instantly claimed emulsifier C1 (column 4, lines 6-45, particularly 6-11, 18-29, and 37-45). The resultant compound falls within the scope of the instantly claimed component C. The reaction of the IPDI isocyanurate with the component C1 is encompassed by “comprising” of the instant claims. The resultant composition falls within the scope of the instant claims. Column 4, lines 12-14 meets the instant claim 5 and lines 17-23 meet the instant claim 6. Column 5, lines 7-12 falls within

the scope of the instant claim 8. Column 5, lines 60 et seq. falls within the scope of the instant claims 9-10. The compositions of the reference are coated onto substrates when used to adhere them to other substrates (abstract and throughout document including column 6, lines 30-35 which falls within the scope of the substrates of the instant claim 12) which falls within the scope of the instant claims 11-15.

6. Claims 1, 5-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pat. No. 4663377 Hombach et al. in view of US Pat. No. 6426414 Laas et al..

Hombach discloses a water dispersible isocyanate composition containing, as a preferred isocyanate, a mixture of isocyanurate of HDI and IPDI (column 2, lines 13-44, particularly 37-44) a portion of which is reacted with a compound falling within the scope of the instantly claimed emulsifier C1 (column 4, lines 6-45, particularly 6-11, 18-29, and 37-45). The resultant compound falls within the scope of the instantly claimed component C. The reaction of the IPDI isocyanurate with the component C1 is encompassed by “comprising” of the instant claims. The resultant composition falls within the scope of the instant claims. Column 4, lines 12-14 meets the instant claim 5 and lines 17-23 meet the instant claim 6. Column 5, lines 7-12 falls within the scope of the instant claim 8. Column 5, lines 60 et seq. falls within the scope of the instant claims 9-10. The compositions of the reference are coated onto substrates when used to adhere them to other substrates (abstract and throughout document including column 6, lines 30-35 which falls within the scope of the substrates of the instant claim 12) which falls within the scope of the instant claims 11-15.

It would have at least been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the instantly claimed invention to use the above discussed combinations of ingredients in the

compositions of Hombach because they are encompassed by Hombach and would have been expected to give the properties described by Hombach.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the instant invention to use the solvents of the instant claims, including claim 7, because they are known solvents for urethanes as taught by Laas, paragraph bridging columns 6-7, and are encompassed by column 5, lines 7-10 of Hombach. "Such as" is not limiting.

7. Claims 1, 5-6, 8-15, and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pat. No. 4663377 Hombach et al. in view of US Pat. No. 6472493 Huynh-Ba.

Hombach discloses a water dispersible isocyanate composition containing, as a preferred isocyanate, a mixture of isocyanurate of HDI and IPDI (column 2, lines 13-44, particularly 37-44) a portion of which is reacted with a compound falling within the scope of the instantly claimed emulsifier C1 (column 4, lines 6-45, particularly 6-11, 18-29, and 37-45). The resultant compound falls within the scope of the instantly claimed component C. The reaction of the IPDI isocyanurate with the component C1 is encompassed by "comprising" of the instant claims. The resultant composition falls within the scope of the instant claims. Column 4, lines 12-14 meets the instant claim 5 and lines 17-23 meet the instant claim 6. Column 5, lines 7-12 falls within the scope of the instant claim 8. Column 5, lines 60 et seq. falls within the scope of the instant claims 9-10. The compositions of the reference are coated onto substrates when used to adhere them to other substrates (abstract and throughout document including column 6, lines 30-35 which falls within the scope of the substrates of the instant claim 12) which falls within the scope of the instant claims 11-15.

It would have at least been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the instantly claimed invention to use the above discussed combinations of ingredients in the compositions of Hombach because they are encompassed by Hombach and would have been expected to give the properties described by Hombach.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the instant invention to use the combinations of HDI and IPDI trimers of Huynh-Ba and the amounts thereof which fall within the scope of the instantly claimed amounts of these compounds of the instant claim 22 to obtain the balance of hardness and curing speed taught by Huynh-Ba and to use the amount of emulsifier falling within the scope of the instant claim 22 and Hombach (column 4, lines 5-44) that fall within the scope of the amounts of the instant claim 22 to make the aqueous dispersions of Hombach because Hombach broadly encompasses such compositions and they would have been expected to have the hardness/curing rate of Huynh-Ba, the benefits of aqueous compositions such as avoidance of harmful, EPA regulated, expensive organic solvents, and the emulsification taught by the compounds of column 4 of Hombach.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick D. Niland whose telephone number is 571-272-1121. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 10 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan, can be reached on 571-272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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